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Safety of children en route to school on board vehicles such as hired vans, auto-rickshaws and BMTC buses in focus

JAMPACKED TO SCHOOL

Guidelines for yellow school buses overlooked for hired vehicles

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There are certain special guidelines that school buses are expected to follow to ensure the safety of schoolchildren on board. However, ignorance, or flouting of these traffic rules, can put the kids at risk, city traffic police have stressed — especially aboard vehicles that are not the usual yellow school buses.

One major guideline that school buses are required to follow is that no bus belonging to an educational institution should carry children in excess of its permitted seating capacity.

"There are certain guidelines and rules for school vehicles; most schools do adhere to them. One of them is the 1 to 1.5 ratio rule. For example, if the bus has a seating capacity of 25 people, not more than 30 students should be carried at the same time... The main issue is with the students who use public transport systems like BMTC buses or private operators that are hired by a group of parents for ferrying their children to schools. These are not the yellow-coloured school vehicles; so the

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"In BMTC buses, I have seen schoolchildren standing on the footboards, risking their safety

— D Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS)

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Secrets of the Soil

KYNKYNY's latest exhibition 'Secrets of the Soil' journeys to the ancient and arid region of Marathwada, which forms the epicentre of rising contemporary artist Siddharth Shingade's atmospheric artistic universe. The exhibition brings to the surface, hidden and unknown stories and facets about this vast land, its people and culture, interwoven with stories from mythology and treasured childhood memories.
Where: KYNKYNY, Infantry Road
When: January 21 – Feb 18, 11 am – 6 pm

02 Bhangra, anyone?

A dance form which has had humble rural beginnings and is now recognised on a global level, Bhangra is popular not only due to its cultural essence but also due to its fitness benefits. Sign up to burn calories in a fun way or to learn a new dance form or strengthen your Bhangra skills. **Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar**
When: January 22, 12 – 2 pm
Tickets: 9886294444

03 Shuffle Dance

Learn Shuffle Dance or "'Cutting Shapes' as it is sometimes called. This dance form is characterised by quick and slick footwork, to the beats of the latest EDM music. It's a fun and upbeat dance that has many mental and physical health benefits.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: January 20, 7:30pm – 8:30 pm
Register: 9886294444

A comic strip to help teens battle the blues

NIMHANS has published comic strip to help adolescents identify and cope with mental health problems

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Yes, it will. Let's give it a try
Will it help me?
Hey, Gopu I know you have tried your best to cope with this. Now I really think we need to get help, how about going to a friend of mine who is a mental health professional?
Hey Gopu, glad you took the first step to seek help. What you are going through a stressful situation. For most with milder cases, just counselling and therapy is enough; for some, a combination of medicines and therapy may be needed.
It will, and you can also develop some coping strategies on your own
Will it help me?
Day 1
this will not help you
you will overcome this
Day 45
yes, you did it.

The comic strip talks about seeking help for mental health problems -- in a fun way

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) has come out with a comic strip beneficial for adolescents to identify their mental health problems and seek help accordingly.

A qualitative study was conducted from December 2019 to May 2020, but the study was published only a few days ago in the Indian Journal Of Psychological Medicine titled "Perception on Anxiety among Adolescents and Mental Health Professionals and Development of Comic Strip". The study involved focus group discussions (FGDs) among mental health professionals and pre-university college students.

The study was done on 12 students aged between 15-17 years of a pre-university college in Bengaluru Urban. Over eight mental health experts who have worked for at least two years in the area of mental health and were willing to consent were included.

Dr Latha Krishnamurthy, Department of Mental Health Education, NIMHANS, and contributor to the research paper said, "Based on the findings, it was found that some of the factors that influence students to develop anxiety are exam stress, academic pressure, parental expectations, future worries and others. They experience sweaty palms, headaches, trembling, dry mouth, and uncomfortable feelings in the stomach."

The mental health professionals in the study pointed out that although adolescents understands that they are going through a problem and come forward for seeking help, they do not realise that they are dealing with anxiety and think of it as some other problem. "It is important for them to know and get the right help or it could get severe and can have panic attacks," said an expert.

One of the important strategies to overcome these barriers was the development of a comic strip.

"Comic books are picture-based and are easy for children to understand. It creates self-awareness among them and they can seek the necessary help. We created a comic strip with a protagonist Gopu, who used to get negative thoughts. When he would go to write his exams, he would think that he would fail the exam and not perform well. Similarly, he was a part of a competition and would not go for it as he thinks he would not do well. He would always feel upset and could not cope with his anxiety, after which Gopu's mother realised her son facing a problem and takes him to a mental health professional. He was told he has an anxiety disorder and was advised therapy and coping strategies like practising yoga, meditation, deep breathing, and playing with his pet dog. After practising this continuously for more than 45 days, Gopu felt better and was relieved of his problem," said Pravitha Madathodiyil Ravunnikutty, Department of Mental Health Education, another contributor to the research paper.

The team of researchers even showcased the short comic in the college where the survey was conducted. Students received it very well; they were happy and stated they are much more aware of the mental health problem. The comic strip was even posted on the department's social media pages and website for people to learn and understand better.

Aspiring medicos want NEET to be postponed

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After the National Medical Council (NMC) gave in to the students' demands and postponed the internship cut-off date to be eligible to appear for the NEET-PG 2023 examination, students are demanding that the exam be postponed.

The examination is currently scheduled to be held on March 5. However, the students say that there is no reason for the examination to be held so early.

"In order to appear for the counselling process, we would need the internship certificate. So, the counselling cannot be scheduled before July. If the counselling is in July, it does not make any sense for the examination to be scheduled so early in the year. If the examination is also postponed six to eight weeks later, it would be easier for the students also," said Prerana K, a medical student from Bengaluru.

Earlier, the internship cut-off date was originally March 30, but it was later extended to June 30 in response to the protests from the medical community, which pointed out that the original cut-off date disqualified almost 75 per cent of the 2017 batch interns from taking the examination.

"These examinations are supposed to be student-friendly. But still, the students are never taken into account while scheduling the exam or any other decisions. If we appear for the examination in March, what would we do till July waiting for the counselling process? These months can be utilised for preparation of the exam instead... It seems that the NMC wants to bring back the normal academic year that had been affected by the pandemic. But since the academic year cannot start until the counselling, and counselling itself will take some time, merely scheduling the examination this early would not help fixing the delayed academic year. It is only putting a burden on the students," another medical student added.

Moreover, as per the reports, medical students from other states like MP, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Telangana are demanding the internship cut-off date to be extended even further till July 31, claiming that over 8,000 students are still ineligible for the examination.

Man stabs former lover to death

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A man was arrested for fatally stabbing a 19-year-old college student in Bengaluru on wednesday.

The accused was apprehended by the police after he fatally stabbed the girl, an ex-girlfriend, near Yelahnaka Layout.

Madhuchandra, the 25-year-old man, stabbed the victim, a resident of Shanubhoganahalli in Dibbur, in the neck on Tuesday evening when she had gone to bring back cows from the farm. He fled the scene after committing the crime. The victim was taken to a hospital where she was declared dead.

She was living with her mother and sister after the death of her father four months ago. Her mother was an assistant at a private college. When the victim discovered that the accused was married with a child, she had cut all contact with him.

BMTC bus collision kills man

Meanwhile, A 31-year-old man died after being hit by a BMTC bus near Sumanahalli on Wednesday.

The victim has been identified as Kuldeep Bagrecha. According to Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic west division, the BMTC bus coming from the right side collided with the two-wheeler, leading to the fatal accident.

The victim died while being transported to a hospital, according to the DCP. He confirmed that the driver has been nabbed by traffic police.

(With agency inputs)

Rare visitors come calling

3 Asian palm civet babies found in balcony of Kengeri apartment rescued

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The Asian palm civet, also known as the palm civet, is a native of southeast Asia. It usually resides in primary forests and can also be found in Bengaluru. According to experts, the Thurahalli forest had a good population of civets, but over the years, their population has gone down due to rapid urbanisation.

Civets can look like Mongoose, but they have black and white blotches. They also have black bands on their pearly eyes.

They are considered to be rare species. Recently, residents of SG Vanya Apartment in Kodipalya, Kengeri found three civet neonates in their balcony. They were separated from their parents because of urban settlements near the forests.

Nets were installed in the apartment, and the parents of the neonates could not come to take their children. The baby civets were lying in the balcony for about four days without any food or water and were extremely dehydrated. Residents informed the People For Animals (PfA) wildlife rescue and conservation centre in Bengaluru, after which rescuers came to the spot.

Rahul J, wildlife rehabilitator and senior rescue coordinator, PfA, said, "The neonates weighed 28, 33, and 22 grams when we rescued them. Ideally, they should have been around 80 grams. We surveyed the place to reunite them with the parents, but there was no sign of the latter. They were starved, so they were taken to the in-care unit of PfA."

Speaking about the treatment given to them, Rahul said that since civets were nocturnal, they hydrated the neonates during 12 pm every day. After that, they started feeding them from 6 pm every two or three hours until 2 am. Only limited staff (veterinarian and rehabilitator) were appointed for feeding and nurturing them to avoid excessive human imprint. "The Civets are almost 50 days old now and all three of them have started self-feeding behaviour. In another month, they'll be completely dependent on themselves," he informed.

The neonatal civets that were rescued by PfA; they are almost 50 days old now

> **"The neonates weighed 28, 33, and 22 grams when we rescued them. Ideally, they should weigh around 80 grams. They were starved**
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> –Rahul J, wildlife rehabilitator, People For Animals

The rescuer pointed out that the animals moving out of the city is an indication that habitats are collapsing. So far, PfA has rescued 23 Asian palm civets and six small Indian civets.

Poaching of civets

Rahul said that Asian palm civets are hunted for bushmeat and the pet trade in some places. It is threatened by poaching and illegal wildlife trade, and buyers use it for the increasing production of kopi luwak - civet coffee.

There has been a good population of civets in Indian forests, even in Thurahalli, but as the years passed, rescues of civets reduced and they were hardly found. "Urbanisation turning the green city into a concrete jungle left the animals with no habitat. They usually share their habitats with big cats, so they cannot adjust in this concrete habitat anymore. In a couple of years, there'll be no civets that can be seen in the city like they once were," he added.

Civet breeding season

Civets are said to breed throughout the year and have up to two litters per year. They choose a resting tree to mate, give birth, and take care of the young. They stay there for the entire mating period, explained Rahul. Females give birth to between two and five pups after a gestation period that lasts for two months. Pups are born with their eyes closed and weigh around 80 grams.

Residents stand for cyclists' safety

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After a cyclist fell and injured herself at metro pillar number 50, a member of one of the resident welfare associations in the area got in touch with a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official after which the space on the road was covered.

The members of the resident welfare association said that the steps taken would also help other people.

Sneha Nandihal, a member of I Change Indiranagar, said, "I saw the tweet about the cycle accident and decided to take it up with the BBMP authorities. It was a lapse from their end. However, after talking with them, the officials co-operated and fixed the road. This move will help other people in the society as well."

Maria Shilpi, who fell down from the cycle, said that BBMP officials helped her after the accident. She said, "The BBMP officials apologised to me and also offered to help me. They are compensating by paying for the medical expenses that I had to undergo along with providing the expenses for repairing my cycle. They also fixed the road."

BBMP officials were quick to respond to the complaint

Chandrashekar N, a BBMP official, said that the road has already been fixed. There were some gaps present on the road which have now been filled.

However, cyclists feel that there are still other roads in the city which are not safe for them and need to be fixed by officials before another similar accident takes place.

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Mind the gap! Roads are for cyclists and pedestrians too
Cyclist falls after her bike gets stuck in space on road; citizens wonder if roads designed only for motor vehicles

BM's report on Jan 16, 2023

Sathya Sankaran, the bicycle mayor of Bengaluru, said, "Near Race Course Road, officials had dug up the footpath which had cycle lanes and it was completely blocked. This is why there are a lot of obstructions for cyclists on the road. In Church Street, the drain grating is also parallel to the road in several places, especially in underpasses. Due to this, cycle wheels will get stuck."

Apart from that, there are many places where the gratings are parallel to the street. All the authorities need to do is change the direction of the gratings by making it perpendicular to the road, said Sankaran.

"These drain covers are on the side of the road where most of the cycles travel. Some of the drain covers in the underpasses go all along the road, and if they are parallel to the road, the wheel will get stuck," he added.

BBMP has grand flyover plan for Sir MV terminal

This project is expected to cost around Rs 345 crore; will improve access to terminal

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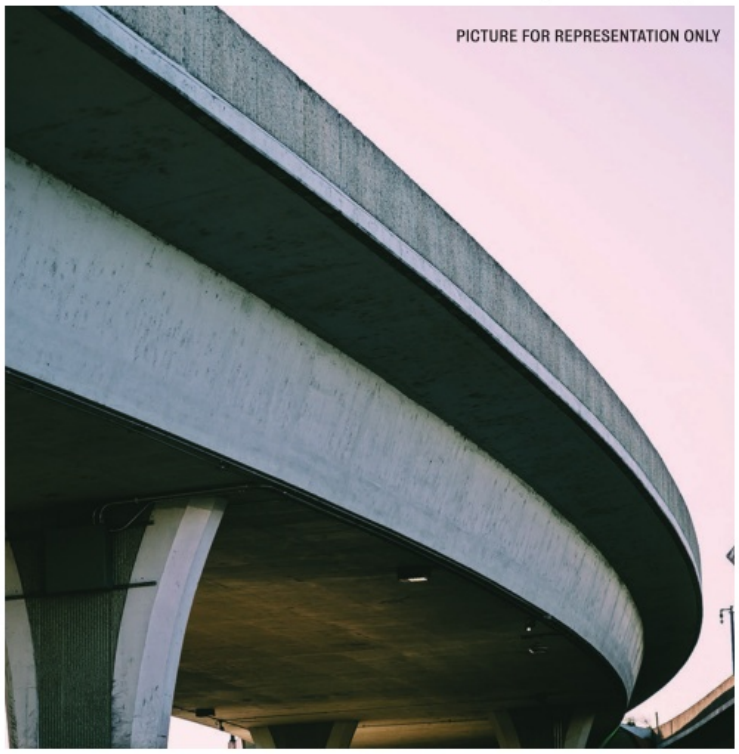
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"We plan to construct an elevated rotary flyover. This will be done after demolishing the existing road overbridge – BBMP official

Bengaluru has a modern railway station at Sir MV terminal from where many new trains are being introduced. However, the biggest challenge is reaching the terminal. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has finally decided to provide better access to the station by constructing a grade separator. For this purpose, the civic agency has sought administrative approval from the Urban Development Department to construct a rotary flyover at Sir MV terminal. The agency has proposed to construct an elevated rotary flyover at the IOC junction and two additional two-laned road overbridges at Baiyappanahalli level crossing. The estimated budget for the project is Rs 345 crore.

A BBMP official told Bangalore Mirror, "As a part of this project, we plan to construct an elevated rotary flyover to facilitate connectivity to all four important locations: Maruti Seva Nagar in the western side, Banaswadi in the east, Kammanahalli in the north, and Baiyappanahalli in the south. This will be done after demolishing the existing road overbridge (RoB) at the IOC junction."

Besides this, the agency plans to construct a unidirectional flyover from an elevated rotary along the railway terminal to facilitate direct connectivity to Old Madras Road from Marutisevanagar. They have also proposed construction of another two-laned RoB in addition to the bi-directional one that is currently under construction. There are also plans to provide a pedestrian underpass from Baiyappanahalli railway terminal towards Kammanahalli under the railway line.

"The project is to be taken up under a design, build, operate, and transfer basis. The contractor who bags the tender has to get approval of the project design from BBMP and South Western Railways," they said. Rajan R, a resident of Mahadevapura, said that building a world class station also requires building world class roads to reach the station. "With many trains being introduced from Sir MV terminal, we wonder how to reach. BBMP has finally woken up, but as this project may not happen anytime soon, the wait only gets longer," he said.

With the opening of the Sir MV terminal in Baiyappanahalli, traffic congestion has become a never-ending problem for residents living near the area. The Sir MV terminal was built for Rs 314 crore with state-of-the-art amenities for rail passengers. After more than a year of completion, the terminal was inaugurated in June 2022. The flyover was envisioned keeping in mind the daily footfall at full capacity. It was also supposed to link railway lines, suburban rails, and elevated flyover traffic with minimal land acquisition.

According to locals, there are only two connecting roads to reach the eastern part of the terminal from Banaswadi or Lingarajapuram. One connects Banaswadi to Frazer town, and the other connects Lingarajapuram to the east station. Residents allege that the IOC flyover was built unscientifically, causing bottlenecks for a long time. Pile-up of traffic has been leading to delays for passengers boarding the train and traffic headed to Frazer town.

"Another issue is that auto-drivers waiting for passengers park their vehicles haphazardly. There is also a lot of pile-up in the adjacent roads around the terminal," a resident of OMBR Layout told BM.

Rejuvenation kicks off at Bidare Agrahara

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Residents of Bidare Agrahara are on cloud nine as the rejuvenation of their lake has finally begun after years of neglect. They were happy when their elected representative Aravind Limbavali and officials attended a function to commence the same. "I was born and brought up in this village. It is for the first time that this lake is being rejuvenated. I want to thank our elected representatives and village leaders for their support," said Munirathna, a member of Doddabanahalli Gram Panchayat.

The Bidare Agrahara Lake spreads over 16.09 acres of land, and the size of the water body is 13.52 acres. Its water holding capacity is 61.88 million litres. The length of its main bund is 311 metres, and the maximum depth of the water body is three metres. The rejuvenation process is being supported by Alstom, while their NGO partner and community partner are United Way and ForceGW, respectively.

According to Bengaluru East Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer K Manjunath, Bidare Agrahara Lake is the 17th lake to be taken up for rejuvenation. "An NGO has come forward to rejuvenate this lake under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative. We have decided to fence the lake after the rejuvenation is completed," he said, adding that the work is expected to be completed in a year.

Thanking the authorities and village panchayat members, K Muniraju, a social activist, said that the lake's revival would benefit around 400 families in the area. "The lake will be an ideal location for senior citizens to go for a walk in the morning and evening to keep them physically fit and healthy," said Muniraju.

Expressing similar opinions, Ravi Kumar, a resident of the area, said that the work would also improve the groundwater table in villages around the lake. "The lake has been neglected for many years. We have been approaching the authorities concerned for the last three to four years. I am very happy to know that rejuvenation work will begin in a few days," he said.

Meanwhile, ForceGW president Lingaraj Urs said that Bidare Agrahara is the third lake being developed in the area with an objective to improve the water table of the region, create a biodiverse environment for flora and fauna to thrive, and a recreational facility for citizens.

"We want this lake to be the go-to destination for people living in the vicinity," he said.

The lake will have a wetland to manage inflow of dark water, two Miyawaki forests, vetiver planting on the slopes to bind the soil, recreation facilities for children, an open air gym, a walking track around the lake bund, solar lighting, and two culverts.

This is the condition of the Bidare Agrahara Lake; it had been neglected for many years

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Road hazard
Devarachikkanahalli

After digging Devarachikkanahalli main road, BWSSB has covered the area with jelly stones which have been strewn around.

Unchecked littering
Maragondanahalli

A private company has been dumping construction material on the road for many years in Maragondanahalli.

Infra changes
Ring Road

Citizens have requested BBMP to make the divider at Bhadrappa Layout flyover near Ring Road smaller.

New rules: Lalbagh officials to ride cycles on duty

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Lalbagh is one of the last surviving lung spaces in the city. Now, the horticulture department has taken up an interesting initiative where even officials working in Lalbagh are barred from using automobiles.

The garden is spread across 240 acres with four gates and officials need to walk a long distance from one end to another. Hence, the officials who have to monitor various activities in Lalbagh were earlier permitted to use their vehicles while the visitors had to park their vehicles and walk.

However, now the horticulture department has asked the officials to take cycles so that the carbon footprint can be reduced. In fact, the officials say that even if the ministers visit the gardens in the future, they have to either walk or take a cycle inside.

G Kusuma, deputy director, horticulture department said, "We have taken this decision to reduce the pollution. When visitors are walking, it doesn't look good for the officials to use their vehicles. Hence, almost all of us are cycling now."

There are more than 15 divisions working under the horticulture department in Lalbagh. According to the plan, there will be two cycles parked in front of each division. Overall, there are 30 cycles and 4 of these cycles are reserved for women officers. For aged employees or those who cannot pedal, the department has procured electric cycles.

Meanwhile, the famed Republic Day flower show will be held at Lalbagh from Friday. This 11-day show will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai on January 20 at 10 am.

Lalbagh's horticulture department mandates cycling for working officials, ministers to walk or pedal during their visit

This year's theme is floral display of Bengaluru's history. So far, 212 flower shows have been organised at Lalbagh with the support of Mysore Horticultural Society. However, this will be the first time (213th show) that will be organised by the horticulture department alone.

To prevent any untoward incidents and provide timely treatment, the department has planned to set up first aid centres at 37 spots inside Lalbagh during the flower show. A fire engine will be stationed near the glass house, close to the exihibition.

Tree names, now in Kannada

Having the trees' names in Kannada will create more awareness

BBMP introduces option for Kannada nomenclature of all city trees in its app developed to record tree census

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), through its upcoming tree census of the city, is planning to create a Kannada guide for tree lovers and nature enthusiasts of Bengaluru. The civic body is doing so by introducing an option for the Kannada nomenclature of all the city trees in the app that will be used to record the census.

"We have added this feature in the app that is currently being used in the ongoing tree census pilot project in Mahadevpura. Under the project, we are affixing a QR code on every tree, which can be used to access key information such as the health status and scientific name of any tree in the city," said Sareena Sikkaligar, BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forest.

With this newly added feature, a user can now see the name of the tree in the local language as well, she added.

According to the officials, the decision was taken to fill the gap of such resources in the local language, which is expected to create awareness about the trees among the local population.

The complexity of the scientific names of the trees stems from the combination of languages such as Greek and Latin, which are alien to most people.

"Tree nomenclature usually involves common English and scientific names. There are many tree lovers and nature enthusiasts in the city who are not familiar with the English or scientific names of the trees. However, having the trees' names in Kannada will create more affinity towards the trees," she explained.

"This feature in the app is currently being used in the ongoing tree census pilot project in Mahadevpura

–Sareena Sikkaligar, Deputy Conservator, BBMP

Technical glitches mar the pace

While the forest cell of BBMP has started the second pilot project of the much awaited tree census in Mahadevpura, technical glitches continue to mar the process.

The census is being conducted in AECS Layout by over 30 graduating students of Jyoti Nivas College in association with The People's Corp, a city-based NGO.

According to Indira Belde, founder of The People's Corp, while they started the project on December 23, they have been able to map only about 1,300 trees so far. This is because the application developed by the BBMP is not up to the mark.

"We had to take a long break of 10 days in between as the app was collapsing every time students attempted to record information," she said.

However, even after the app was worked on, they are not able to map more than 70 to 80 trees every day. This is despite the fact that students are spending around eight hours daily on the census, she added.

The app has been developed by BBMP's internal team to conduct the census of the city as directed by the High Court in 2019.

Meanwhile, some of the students have dropped out of the census process due to the delay.

"Many come from far-off places to participate in the process and a delay of more than 20 minutes just to enter one piece of information in the app was becoming difficult to manage," said Dr Priyadarshini Pillai, HOD, Department of Botany, Jyoti Nivas College.

The first pilot project of the census was conducted in Malleshwaram, ward number 161 and the civic body mapped 5,000 trees in the area. The pilot projects are being done to assess the cost of conducting the survey before the civic body can float tenders for carrying out the tree census.

IN BRIEF

Associations allege misuse of ESIC funds

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The Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) on Wednesday opposed the state government's draft notification inviting suggestions and objections on the proposal to constitute the Karnataka Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme Medical Services Department.

"The proposal is to misappropriate the central government funds allocated for the maintenance of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals and dispensaries in the state. The proposed Karnataka ESI Scheme Medical Services Department is nothing but a society that will have to work under the state labour minister and his appointees," said V Venkatesh, general secretary, INTUC, Karnataka.

The state government issued a draft notification on December 27, 2022 stating that suggestions and objections will be received by the government from all persons/associations who may be affected within 30 days from the date of publication of the draft notification.

It has also suggested that objections and suggestions in this regard may be submitted to the secretary at the Department of Labour, 4th Floor, Vikasa Soudha or director, ESIS Medical Services in Rajajinagar.

The decision to constitute the Karnataka ESI Scheme Medical Services Department would affect 45.76 lakh workers and employees in the state, he added.

"The state government wants to bring 7 ESI hospitals, 112 dispensaries and 2 diagnosis centres by excluding ESIC hospitals at Rajajinagar, Peenya and Kalaburagi. There will be no job security for the employees working at ESI hospitals in the state," he explained

According to HK Nagabhushan, president, All Karnataka Organised and Unorganised Employees' Association, there is no provision to form a society under the ESI Act. "The state is making an effort to misuse 87% funds allocated for the maintenance of ESI hospitals," he said.

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P & SC No 25097/2022
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1. RAGHU VENUGOPAL
Aged about 82 years S/o. Late. V L Venugopal, R/ at No. 10, 4th Cross, Church Street, near Ramdev Medicals Horamavu, Bengaluru — 560043
2. IYALANTHY VENUGOPAL
Aged about 43 years, D/o. Raghu Venugopal R/ at No. 10, 4th Cross, Church Street, near Ramdev Medicals Horamavu, Bengaluru — 560043
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Empowering girls? Bridge the gender gap instead

... say activists on Centre's idea to organise activities celebrating National Girl Child Day

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The principal secretaries of the Department of Women and Child Development in various states and union territories have been advised by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development to organise activities from January 18 to 24 marking National Girl Child Day.

In order to empower the girl child, National Girl Child Day is being celebrated on January 24 every year. The Principal Secretaries of State and Union Territories have been directed to guide state nodal officers and district collectors to organise events for five days.

It has advised the states and union territories to include activities such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) oath taking ceremony, planning special grama sabhas or mahila sabhas on CSR and child protection and importance of skill development among girls, organise programmes with schools on promoting sports among girls, organising community meetings on BBBP sensitisation programme with religious or community leaders towards ending child marriages.

However, child rights activists are sceptical about organising events in schools on the occasion of National Girl Child Day. They want the government to organise the event with a focus on bridging the psychological gap between boys and girls and a focus on ensuring basic infrastructure at schools in rural areas.

"I think for the first time such emphasis is being given to organise the National Girl Child Day. I hope all the schools organise events meant for the welfare of girls. The state government should emulate the Kerala state government's decision to grant menstrual leave for girl students. Many girls suffer from stomach pain during menstruation," said Child Rights Trust Director Nagasimha G Rao.

However, Pragna Public School president Veena Mohan said that she would oppose the idea of granting menstrual leave for girl students. "I want the girl students to cope with menstruation and attend classes. It will be a bad idea to allow girls to remain at home during menstruation. Instead of granting leave for girl students, the authorities have to focus on giving training in life skills. It is better to provide training in tailoring and painting for girl students," said Veena Mohan.

> **Boys should be sensitised on how education for girls will help the economy of India**
>
> –Anjali Ramanna, former chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee

Anjali Ramanna, former chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee, said the authorities should provide basic infrastructure at schools for girl students in rural areas.

"I am also not in favour of the government sanctioning menstrual leave for girl students. The main focus of the National Girl Child Day should be on reducing the psychological gap between boys and girls. "The events planned on the occasion of National Girl Child Day should not make boys feel that girls are being pampered. Attempts should be made to sensitise boys on how education for girls will help the economy of the nation," said Anjali Ramanna.

An activist on the condition of anonymity suggested the menstrual holiday should not be compulsory but voluntary. School managements and teachers have to decide on allowing girls to take menstrual leave based on the condition of girls during the periods, she said.

'Surya opened plane door by mistake'

Union Civil Aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Wednesday said the emergency exit door of an IndiGo flight last year was opened by "mistake" and BJP MP Tejasvi Surya has already apologised for it.

"The (emergency) door was opened by him by mistake when the flight was on the ground and after all checks, the flight was allowed to take off. He also apologised for the mistake. All protocols were followed and DGCA has investigated the matter," Scindia told reporters.

It is alleged that Surya accidentally opened the emergency exit of a plane from Chennai to Tiruchirapalli at the Chennai airport during the boarding process in December last year.

"A passenger travelling on Flight 6E 7339 from Chennai to Tiruchirapalli on December 10 accidentally opened emergency exit during boarding process. Passenger apologised for the action. As per SOPs, aircraft underwent mandatory engineering checks which led to delay departure," IndiGo statement said.

IndiGo also said the passenger accidentally opened the emergency exit door and apologised for the action.

A senior DGCA official said that the incident was duly reported. "The crew moved in swiftly and all appropriate action to restore airworthiness such as reinstalling the door, pressurisation check was carried out before the flight was cleared for departure. No safety protocol was compromised with," the official said.

Opposition parties have targeted Tejasvi Surya over the incident. **–ANI**

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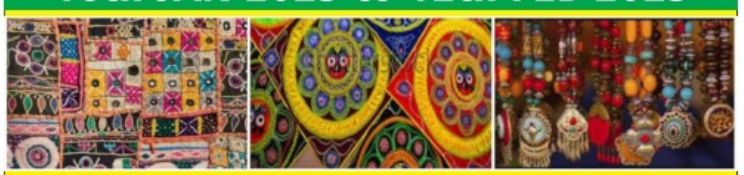

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Facing criticism against the move to relax the age limit for purchasing and consuming liquor to 18 years in Karnataka, the State Government on Wednesday clarified that it was committed to keeping the age limit at 21 years.

Excise Minister K Gopalaiah said, "Due to opposition, the move has been dropped."

The government and Excise Department wanted to enact a law in this regard. It was then decided not to reduce the age limit, he said.

The recommendation was made on the report of retired senior bureaucrat V Yashvant. As per the Karnataka Excise Act, the minimum age limit to consume liquor is 18 years. However, according to Karnataka Excise Licensing Guidelines of 1967, the minimum age is 21 years. The government had taken a decision to end this confusion and fix the age limit to 18 years.

The liquor sellers and bar owners have been demanding that the State Government reduce the age limit to 18 years on the lines of Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Puducherry and Sikkim.

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Kids' basic reading ability down to pre-2012 levels

K'taka among states that recorded drops of more than 10%; Annual Status of Education Report 2022 also reveals that maths skills dip to 2018 levels

The basic reading ability of school students across all classes has dropped to pre-2012 levels while basic maths skills have declined to 2018 levels, according to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2022, released on Wednesday.

It showed that the drops are visible in government as well as private schools in most states and for both boys and girls.

While the maximum drop in reading abilities has been seen in states such as Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana, the drop in maths skills has been seen in Tamil Nadu, Mizoram and Haryana.

ASER is a nationwide, citizen-led household survey that provides a snapshot of children's schooling and learning in rural India.

The first ASER survey was conducted in 2005 and repeated for 10 years. ASER 2022 is the first field-based "basic" nationwide ASER after a gap of four years. It comes at a time when children are back in school after an extended gap in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Nationally, children's basic reading ability has dropped to pre-2012 levels, reversing the slow improvement achieved in the intervening years. Drops are visible in both government and private schools in most states, and for both boys and girls," it said. The ASER reading test assessed whether a child can read letters, words, and a simple paragraph at the class 1 level of difficulty, or a 'story' at the class 2 level of difficulty. The test was administered one on one to all children in the age group of five to 16 in sampled households. Each child was marked at the highest level that she or he can reach comfortably.

"The percentage of children in class 3 in government or private schools who can read at class 2 level dropped from 27.3 per cent in 2018 to 20.5 per cent in 2022. This decline is visible in every state and for children in both government and private schools," it said.

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States showing a decline of more than 10 percentage points from 2018 levels include those that had higher reading levels in 2018, such as Kerala (from 52.1 per cent in 2018 to 38.7 per cent in 2022), Himachal Pradesh (from 47.7 per cent to 28.4 per cent), and Haryana (from 46.4 per cent to 31.5 per cent).

Huge drops are also visible in Andhra Pradesh (from 22.6 per cent to 10.3 per cent) and Telangana (from 18.1 per cent to 5.2 per cent).

"Nationally, the proportion of children enrolled in class 5 in government or private schools who can at least read a class 2-level text fell from 50.5 per cent in 2018 to 42.8 per cent in 2022. States where this indicator held steady or improved marginally include Bihar, Odisha, Manipur, and Jharkhand.

"States showing a decrease of 15 percentage points or more include Andhra Pradesh (from 59.7 per cent in 2018 to 36.3 per cent in 2022), Gujarat (from 53.8 per cent to 34.2 per cent), and Himachal Pradesh (from 76.9 per cent to 61.3 per cent). Drops of more than 10 percentage points are visible in Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Haryana, Karnataka, and Maharashtra," it said.

The report has noted that although drops in basic reading ability are visible among class 8 students as well, these are smaller as compared to observed trends in classes 3 and 5.

Nationally, 69.6 per cent of children enrolled in class 8 in government or private schools can read at least basic text in 2022, falling from 73 per cent in 2018. According to the report, children's basic arithmetic levels have declined over 2018 levels for most grades across the country.

But the declines are less steep and the picture is more varied than that of basic reading. – PTI

Guidelines to create safe route to schools

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same rules do not apply to these vehicles, putting the kids in danger. The guidelines are just for the private unaided schools," explained D Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS).

As per the guidelines for school vehicles, if the age of schoolchildren concerned is below 12 years, the number of children carried shall not exceed 1.5 times the permitted seating capacity.

Children above 12 years shall be treated as one person.

Kumar added that, currently, many people are making use of private vehicles which are not necessarily associated with educational institutes, and hence, are not expected to follow any of the guidelines set for the school buses.

"Many vans and auto-rickshaws carry many more children than they are allowed to but the same rules do not apply to these vehicles. In BMTC buses, I have seen schoolchildren standing on the footboards, risking their safety," he added.

As per data provided by Bangalore Traffic Police, in the year 2022, as many as 1,906 cases were booked under the Motor Vehicles Act for transporting an excess number of schoolchildren in a single vehicle. However, these statistics are just for the school-run yellow buses.

The actual number, including public transport and privately hired vehicles, might be much more.

"The vehicles that are not associated with schools are not considered school buses, and the special guidelines do not apply.

They are also harder to spot and penalise. Such vans or buses are treated as normal vehicles and regular traffic rules are applied. So the number of cases registered under the Motor Vehicles Act is just for the yellow buses," Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, deputy commissioner of police (traffic), west division, told Bangalore Mirror.

"On the other hand, under the Motor Vehicles Act, there are several safety regulations and guidelines for school buses. They are penalised and fined if they do not adhere to the same," Jain added further.

IN BRIEF

HC adjourns Twitter takedown case

Following a request by the central government, the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday once again adjourned the hearing of the petition by Twitter against the government's takedown orders.

Additional Solicitor General R Sankaranarayanan informed the court that the Solicitor General was arguing another case before a Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court and he had just returned after a bout of illness. He sought the adjournment of the hearing to February 7. The HC asked the advocate for Twitter whether he would consent to the adjournment. The court said that it would adjourn the case only if the petitioner assented.

The advocate for Twitter consented to the adjournment, following which the Court recorded that it was reluctantly adjourning the hearing to February 7. – PTI

After murder, accused surrenders

A man who killed a man and fled to Srirangapatna, surrendered at the Kengeri police station a day after the murder. The accused Venkatesh, 32, surrendered to the police for killing Satish, 28, from Mysuru.

Venkatesh is married to Satish's sister and the couple has a one-and-a-half-year-old child. Venkatesh was a vegetable trader living with his family in Vinayaka Nagar. He had a fight with Satish over a family matter.

On the night of January 16, he called Satish on the pretext of having a conversation with him. Later, he took Satish on a bike near Ankanaikanahalli and had a fight. When the fight turned violent, Venkatesh stabbed him with a knife he had and left his dead body in the drain. — BMB

Bribery charge: Contractors want inquiry

Karnataka State Contractors' Association (KSCA) which has accused elected representatives and bureaucrats of demanding '40 per cent commission' for awarding contracts and clearing bills, on Wednesday said they stand by their allegations and asked the government to form an inquiry commission if they have 'guts'. Demanding that the government clear Rs 25,000 crore pending bills, they have said, if not cleared by March 31, they will halt all the work. The contractors under the leadership of the association's president D Kempanna held a protest here, demanding that the government clear their dues at the earliest.

They also demanded a probe by a sitting judge of the Karnataka High Court into allegations of bribes or corruption. Earlier this week, the association accused a BJP MLA of taking kickbacks to clear bills. – PTI

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The missing piece

Study explores effects of dietary choline deficiency on neurologic and system-wide health

Choline, an essential nutrient produced in small amounts in the liver and found in foods including eggs, broccoli, beans, meat and poultry, is a vital ingredient for human health. A new study explores that deficiency in dietary choline adversely affects the body and may be a missing piece in the puzzle of Alzheimer's disease.

It's estimated that more than 90% of Americans are not meeting the recommended daily intake of choline. The current research in mice suggests that dietary choline deficiency can have profound negative effects on the heart, liver and other organs.

Lack of adequate choline is also linked with profound changes in the brain associated with Alzheimer's disease. These include pathologies implicated in the development of two classic hallmarks of the illness, amyloid plaques, which aggregate in the intercellular spaces between neurons, and tau tangles, which condense within the bodies of neurons.

The new research, led by scientists at Arizona State University, describes pathologies in normal mice deprived of dietary choline as well as choline deficient transgenic mice, which already exhibit symptoms associated with the disease. In both cases, dietary choline deficiency results in liver damage, enlargement of the heart and neurologic alterations in the AD mice typically accompanying Alzheimer's disease, including increased levels of plaque-forming amyloid-beta protein and disease-linked alterations in tau protein.

Further, the study illustrates that choline deficiency in mice causes significant weight gain, and alterations in glucose metabolism, (which are tied to conditions such as diabetes), and deficits in motor skills.

In the case of humans, "it's a twofold problem," according to Ramon Velazquez, senior author of the study and Assistant professor with the ASU-Banner Neurodegenerative Disease Research Center. "First, people don't reach the adequate daily intake of choline established by the Institute of Medicine in 1998. And secondly, there is vast literature showing that the recommended daily intake amounts are not optimal for brain-related functions."

Ramon Velazquez led the new study on the importance of dietary choline for the brain and other organs. He is a researcher in the ASU-Banner Neurodegereative Disease Research Center.

The research highlights a constellation of physical and neurological changes linked to choline deficiency. Sufficient choline in the diet reduces levels of the amino acid homocysteine, which has been recognized as a neurotoxin contributing to neurodegeneration and is important for mediating functions such as learning and memory, through the production of acetylcholine.

The growing awareness of choline's importance should encourage all adults to ensure proper choline intake. This is particularly true for those on plant-based diets, which may be low in naturally occurring choline, given that foods high in choline are eggs, meats, and poultry.

Plant-based, choline-rich foods, including soybeans, Brussel sprouts and toast can help boost choline in these cases. Further, inexpensive, over-the-counter choline supplements are encouraged to ensure system-wide health and guard the brain from the effects of neurodegeneration. —ANI

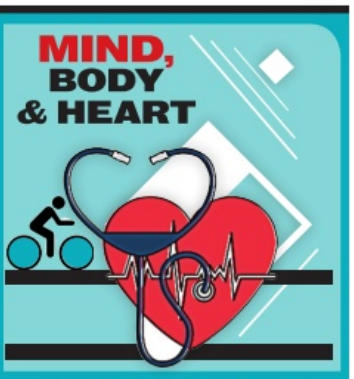
MIRRORLIGHTS

Age no bar for eating disorders due to body dissatisfaction

Eating disorders are stereotypically associated with adolescents and young adults. Growing evidence, however, suggests that these conditions can occur at any time during a woman's lifespan, including at midlife.

A new study finds that body dissatisfaction is a primary cause of eating disorders, especially during perimenopause. Study results are published online today in Menopause, the journal of The North American Menopause Society (NAMS). Eating disorders are serious mental health conditions characterized by disturbances in eating behavior and body image that occur in approximately 13.1 per cent of women across the lifespan. The prevalence of any eating disorder specifically for women aged older than 40 years is roughly 3.5 per cent, with specific symptoms such as dissatisfaction with eating patterns being documented as high as 29.3 per cent.

Serious complications such as high mortality and morbidity are associated with eating disorders. These adverse health events are likely to be magnified when present at older ages. However, few studies on eating disorders have included participants at midlife, including premenopause, perimenopause, and postmenopause. There is some evidence that supports the idea that perimenopausal women have the highest rates of dysregulated eating behaviors (eg, weight-control behaviors such as regular counting of calories or consumption of diet foods) of any reproductive stage at midlife and are significantly different from premenopausal women with regard to body dissatisfaction and feelings of fatness. —ANI



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My younger sister recently split up with her long-term boyfriend. It was a shock to the family as they'd been together five years, and we all love him, especially my six-year-old son, who hero-worships him. My sister told me the split had been coming for a while, but also confided that she fancied one of his best friends and this was the deciding factor. She told this friend they couldn't see each other until some time had passed and her ex was feeling better about the situation. Now, though, she's told me they've decided they can't wait and are going to date in secret.
I am annoyed with her because I really feel for her ex, plus she expects me to hide this from him, which I feel uncomfortable about. I'd love your take on it.

COLEEN SAYS

I agree, I think they're lying low for themselves because they feel bad and they can't face it. But I don't think waiting a few months to tell him will make any difference to how he feels about one of his best mates ending up with his girlfriend. Naturally, he'll wonder how long it's being going on for, if it was going on while he was still with your sister, and if it was the reason for the break-up.
So I do think it would be better for your sister to rip off the Band-Aid sooner rather than later. It's also stressful and unrealistic to date in secret, and she's also putting you and the rest of your family in an awkward situation with her ex. But I think it's up to her to tell him and not you. When a couple splits up, it has a ripple effect through families and friendship groups, and everyone has to get used to the change, even though it might not have been what they wanted. As hard as it is, it's probably best for you to distance yourself a bit from your sister's ex while this is rumbling on.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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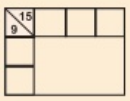
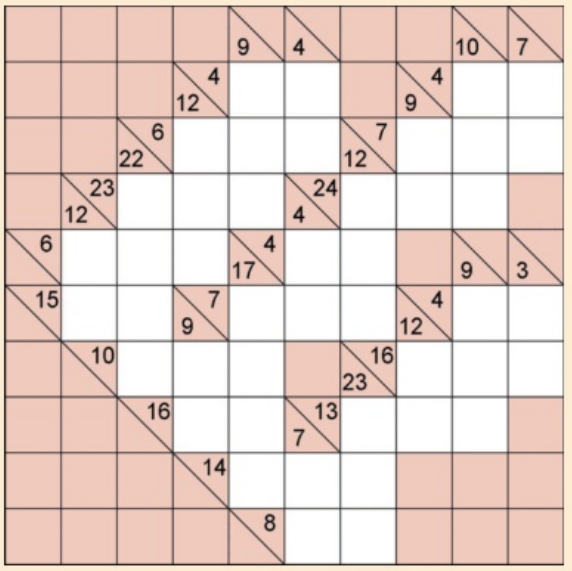
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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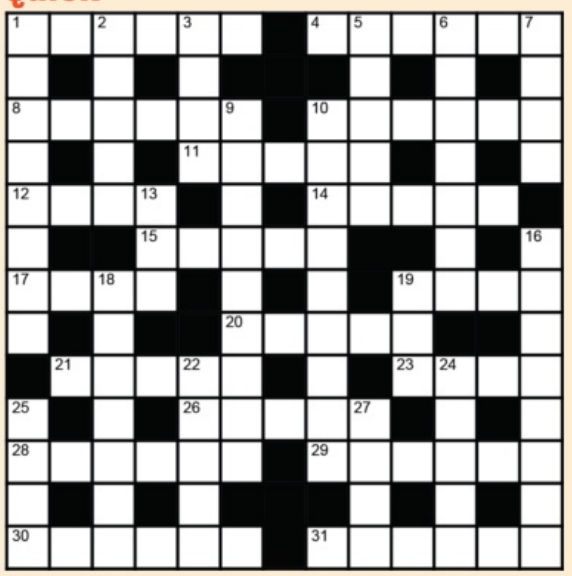


ACROSS

1 Unexpected (6)
4 Semitic language (6)
8 Soak up (6)
10 Small sail at stern (6)
11 Nice surprise (5)
12 Not in favour of (4)
14 Shows boredom (5)
15 Religious doctrine (5)
17 That man from Bangkok? (4)
19 A Greek sandwich (4)
20 Personal journal (5)
21 Indian Zoroastrian (5)
23 Digging tool (4)
26 Foot lever (5)
28 Distinctive part (6)
29 String of beads (6)
30 Fashions (6)
31 Worldly goods (6)

DOWN

1 According to the menu (1,2,5)
2 Take exam again (5)
3 Impudent (4)
5 Lloyd Webber musical set in Argentina (5)
6 A deputy ruler's time? (7)
7 Advise against (4)
9 Senior army officer (9)
10 Area home to the City Central Library (9)
13 ___ Amin : ex-Ugandan despot? (3)
16 Red Salmon (8)
18 Lawlessness (7)
19 Cheat (3)
22 Uttered words (5)
24 A mental picture (5)
25 Poisonous snakes (4)
27 ___ Lane : Superman's girl friend? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS G

DLIMUCO YGEW ZXUEMT UE LZXOIT; ELZXUEM UE WLNI-TOAD.

Linemaro

You are so weird, it's great

Mindchow

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you

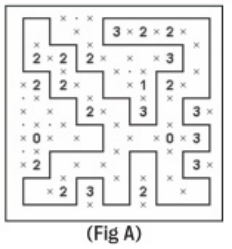
Joke of the day

If you keep your cool when everyone else is losing his, it's probably because you have not realised the seriousness of the problem

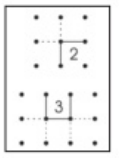
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

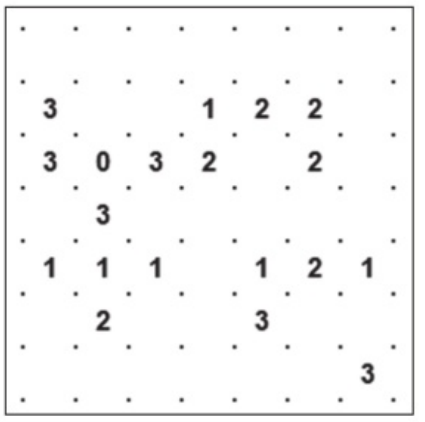


(Fig B) Not Allowed

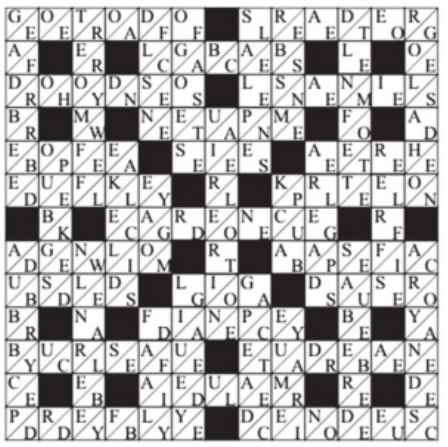
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



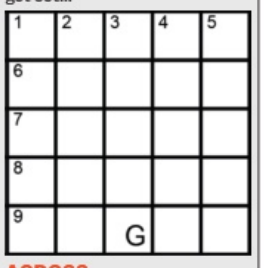
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

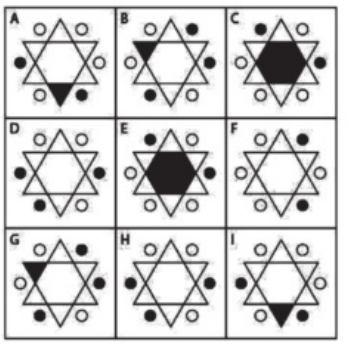
1 Basle; 6 Creed;
7 CIG an; 8 Siren;
9 Gaped

DOWN

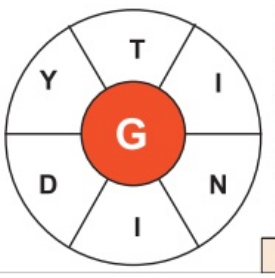
1 Scrap; 2 Ace I a;
3 Big RN; 4 Nee SL;
5 Ed deg

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8		2		1		6		3
	4		2		7		9	
	9						1	
4			6	7	3			1
2			5	9	8			4
	6						8	
	2		7		1		4	
7		1		4		5		9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 11

4 5 6 8

Medium = 9

3 3 4 5

Hard = 24

2 6 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

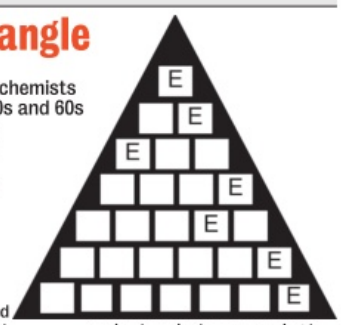
Differences: 1. Elbow patch is missing. 2. Strap is not showing on one side. 3. Bird is larger. 4. Pocket is missing. 5. There are fewer leaves on tree. 6. Man is thinner.

Riddler

Which of the following words does not belong? Facts, Paint, The Music, Time, Mask, History, Off

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Selenium for the chemists
3 Records of the 50s and 60s
4 Sit for a portrait
5 Religious leaders
6 Go up against
7 Pop the question



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

THAT WAS SOME STORM LAST NIGHT!
YES, ISN'T IT AMAZING WHAT A MESS FATHER NATURE CAN MAKE?
DON'T YOU MEAN MOTHER NATURE?
NO, FATHER NATURE!
NO WOMAN WOULD LEAVE THINGS LOOKING LIKE THIS!

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I SAW THAT NEW DOLL TODAY
IT'S CALLED "BILLY BLOWHARD"
WHAT'S IT DO?
YOU WIND HIM UP AND HE INFLATES A BOUNCE HOUSE
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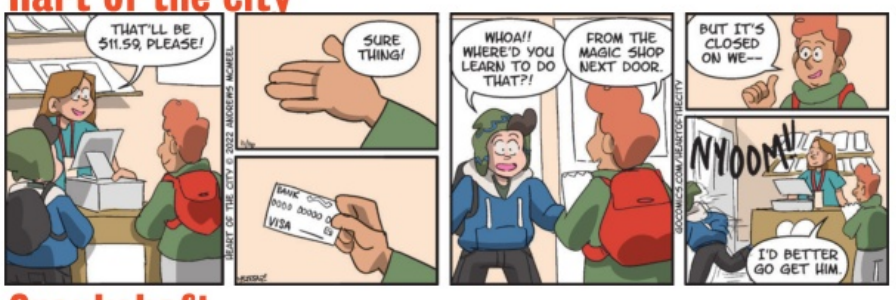
Hart of the city


THAT'LL BE $11.59, PLEASE!
SURE THING!
WHOA!! WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO DO THAT?!
FROM THE MAGIC SHOP NEXT DOOR.
BUT IT'S CLOSED ON WE---
NYOOM!
I'D BETTER GO GET HIM.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a good day. You may be polite with the people around you. You may help someone who is in need. You may also spend money to buy some household items. It may affect your savings. You may get prestige and position in your family.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today things are coming back on track. Your lost confidence may come back. You may enjoy it at work. Couples are likely to enjoy their love life. They may hear good news in terms of children. Disputes between siblings may settle down.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are not blessed by elders. You may feel unhappy and may become impatient today. If you are given a responsibility, you are likely to perform it unhappily. You want to be detached from the responsibility given. You may not be able to complete any task

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today work-related stress may go away. Your earnings may convert to profits now. You are likely to invest for a long term period. You may get an overseas work order, which may give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your true love. Students may hear good news in terms of their academics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon and may perform well on the professional front. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of your subordinates. Intellectual and financial investments may start giving profits now, which may increase your confidence levels. You can use your wisdom to gain profits. Due to your workload, you may not be able to give proper time to your family.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your spiritual power can make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit a spiritual place. You may also take interest in occult sciences. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel nervous. You may lack patience. For seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult, but it is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get deep knowledge on a subject or you may have good focus towards your research.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your moon is placed in a good position. You may expect some positive momentum from your professional and domestic life. There are likely to be gains in terms of your investments. You may get reciprocation of your help from your friends and relatives. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may do well. Your kids' health is better. You can plan to make some investments for their future. You are likely to be more loyal towards your job. Job seekers may find a good job with the help of references. You may be able to find your hidden enemies, and with the help of blessings, you may counter them.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day. You may be able to sustain yourself in any type of messy situation. Your patience may be tested many times, but with the help of the elders, you may complete your work efficiently. Students are advised to study with patience. Lovebirds should control their harsh conversation to maintain harmony in the relationship.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel disappointment in every moment. You may not be able to enjoy your work. you may find yourself feeling uncomfortable everywhere. Investments in fixed assets are advised to be postponed for some days. Your parents' health can make you upset.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day. Your vital power may help you to take difficult decisions in business. You may get positive results for your hard work. You can expect to get a big order which can grow your business multiple times. You are likely to find love.

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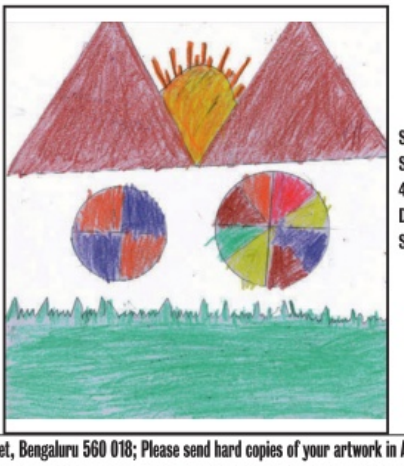

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
1/3[1/2(3-4/12)+1/6]
1/3[1/2(-1/12)+1/6]
1/3[(12(-2)/24)+1/6]
1/3[(-24/24)+1/6]
¼[-144+24/+44]
¼(24/1)
1+2/3
7 2/3 (3rd of 72=24, and 3rd of 3=1)
24/1

BULL'S EYE
digit, DIGNITY, ding, dingy, dying, tiding, TIDYING, tying

FAST FIVE

S	A	B	L	E
C	E	R	E	D
A	C	I	N	G
R	I	N	S	E
P	A	G	E	D

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
F: all the others have an identical pairing.

RIDDLER
History does not belong. All other words and phrases have meaning when preceded by 'Face'.

QUOTE UNCODE
Forgive many things in others; nothing in yourself.

SUDOKU

8	5	2	4	1	9	6	7	3
1	4	3	2	6	7	8	9	5
6	9	7	3	8	5	4	1	2
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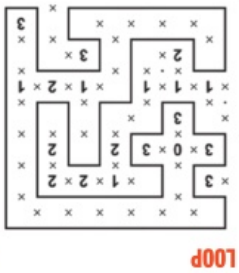
5	6	4	9	3	2	1	8	7
3	7	5	1	2	4	9	6	8
2	1	6	5	9	8	7	3	4
9	2	8	7	5	1	3	4	6
7	3	1	8	4	6	5	2	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, Se, Eps, Pose, Popes, Oppose, Propose.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 – 6 + 5 + 8 = 11
Medium
5 – 3 + 4 + 9 = 15
Hard
4 – 2 × 9 + 6 = 24

LOOP



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 # Not in his family's name Hollywood stars Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's son Pax Thien Jolie-Pitt, better known as Pax, is reportedly working as an artist without relying on his family name. He reportedly signs his works with his pseudonym, 'Embtto'

Busy bees

Find out why Shruti Haasan's dad and boyfriend have not yet watched her latest films

Shruti Haasan is on cloud nine these days with two of her big Telugu films namely 'Waltair Veerayya' and 'Veera Simha Reddy' doing wonders at the box office. The films are getting mixed to positive reviews from the audience.

Shruti, who was happy with the response, told ETimes, "Sankranthi was amazing with two big film releases and I also made Pongal and served them to my friends and family in Mumbai, except my pet and my boyfriend Shantanu Hazarika as they don't like it."

The actress-singer, who was paired opposite veteran actors Chiranjeevi and Nandmuri Balakrishna in the films, feels that one gets to learn more things while working with senior actors. "It's not about being comfortable. When one works with senior actors, one gets to learn a lot from them. And working with both Chiranjeevi sir and Balayya sir has been the most cherishing and learning experience for me," shared Shruti.

Shruti has appeared on the big screen after a long hiatus and soon she will also make her debut in the Kannada industry with Prashanth Neel's 'Salaar' opposite Prabhas.

The actress admitted that she opted to do these films since she wanted to connect with her audience, "The major reason why I opted for these movies is that I had been off-screen for a while now and I wanted to make a comeback into Telugu films. So these movies were a great opportunity to connect with my audience," said Shruti.

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> –Shruti Haasan

Shruti's father Kamal Haasan who is working on Shankar's next film 'Indian 2' has not watched either of the two films. "My father Mr Kamal Haasan has not watched both of my movies and also my boyfriend hasn't seen them as both of them are very very busy with their respective work," says Shruti.

The father-daughter duo may have not shared the screen space but they certainly discuss films with each other. "Yes, we do discuss projects but at a very initial level and don't go much into details. And I don't think Mr. Kamal Haasan needs my suggestion (chuckles)," Shruti signs off the conversation in a very jovial way.

Shruti will also feature in an international project, 'The Eye' which will release this year.

—Tejashree Bhopatkar, ETimes

Shy guy

Abhay Deol reveals how much he used to hate fame

Abhay Deol never minces his words when it comes to speaking his mind. In a new interview, Abhay said that he used to hate fame and the media while growing up since he used to get questioned about his family members. He revealed that he started drinking every day like a fool after doing Anurag Kashyap's directorial Dev D.

The actor said that since he grew up in a filmy family, he saw fame closely as a child. He didn't like it since it takes one's privacy away since a lot is written about you. "I used to literally hate fame and the media. Because growing up I saw a lot written about family, being questioned as a kid, 'Is it true, is that true?' It used to make me angry," he told an entertainment portal.

Abhay added that he saw a lot of people around his family who he knew were there to gain benefits and they were not friends. Talking about his time in New York, Abhay said that he could not get out of that headspace of his character from Dev D. He said for one year, he did what Dev D did in the film, although he wasn't in tattered clothes in the streets. "I drank every day like a fool. I made some very good friends, so I remember some things. My whole life is a daze," he added.

On the work front, Abhay was last seen in Trial By Fire series.

—ETimes

Hint dropped

Bollywood diva Kareena Kapoor Khan has shared an action-filled post hinting at her new project.

Kareena, who will next be seen next in Hansal Mehta's untitled film, and Sujoy Ghosh's 'The Devotion Of Suspect X', shared a short video on Instagram while hinting at something new which she will announce on January 27. In the clip, Kareena is seen dressed in black as she lands on the ground like lightning. She captioned the video and wrote: "It's not such a big secret, all you have to do is ask nicely. Landing on 27.01.2023 - Stay Tuned. Any guesses."

The video reminded many fans of Kareena's popular superhero movie 'Ra.One' alongside superstar Shah Rukh Khan.

Talking about her work, Kareena will be seen next in Hansal Mehta's untitled film, and Sujoy Ghosh's adaptation of the Japanese novel, 'The Devotion Of Suspect X'.

She will also be seen in 'Crew', which also stars Tabu and Kriti Sanon. "

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Crossing all obstacles

Director Narendra Babu had to face a number of obstacles to finish shooting of Kannada movie 13. Though well-wishers had advised him to change the title as number 13 is considered inauspicious, Narendra Babu pushed on and completed the shooting of the film on December 13 at Salima Marriage Hall in Ramanagar. But it was not without a fair share of difficulties.

"We lost one of the actors just before the movie went to the floors. We planned its shooting at Kottigehara atop Charmadi Ghat but due to rain we could not go ahead. We shifted the location after making three futile attempts. Later, we put up a set at a village near Srirangapatna. The set collapsed due to heavy rain. I got injured during the shooting. Finally, I managed to complete the shooting last month," said Narendra Babu.

The director said the movie revolves around a Hindu man and Muslim woman. Raghavendra Rajkumar, Shruthi, Pramod Shetty are the star cast of this movie. "I wanted to convey a message to society on the importance of communal harmony. Raghavendra Rajkumar plays a scrap merchant while Shruthi plays the owner of a tea stall. The movie is made based on a real life incident that took place in Dakshina Kannada district," he said.

Dedication appreciated

Kannada movie Tanuja, in which former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and Minister for Health Dr K Sudhakar have acted, is all set for release. The film showcases the success story of a girl from a village near Shivamogga. Chiefs of mutts and government officials have appreciated this film and emphasised on the importance of education.

The movie is about how a story published in a Kannada daily facilitates a girl from a poor family to attend the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test at Basavanagudi centre in October 2020. Tanuja, the daughter of a farmer, could not attend NEET in the first go as she had contracted covid. It is said Yediyurappa, the chief minister of that time and Dr Sudhakar, Health Minister intervened and helped her to attend the test.

State award winning director Harish MD Halli has handled the megaphone for Tanuja. The film's trailer has got six lakh views on YouTube. The team of Tanuja is brimming with confidence about the movie's success as it conveys a much-needed message to the society, especially parents and children.